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central workshop of the GVP in Doberlug-Kirchhain were exclusively produced at the shop there. Additional spare parts have been produced at the industrial enterprise Mittenwalde near Koenigswusterhausen since February. Prior to late February, no spare part shipments from the USSR were observed to arrive.

2. In late February, the halls of the central WPV equipment depot in Hennesdorff were occupied beyond capacity by guns. About 130 guns between 75-mm and 120-mm were parked in the open.

3. New buildings seen at the depot in late March included a railroad siding, lean-to roofs and a new workshop for the repair of observation instruments.

4. KVP armorer-artificers were trained exclusively in the Doberlug central workshop. A new three-month course for 73 participants as against 50 participants originally scheduled was allegedly to be started on 1 May. The course was to cover the curriculum valid for the former German Army ordnance school in Treptow, the courses of which lasted one year. However, in view of the fact that the qualifications of the KVP candidates were inferior to those of the former German Army, it is believed that the three-month course will have rather poor results.

5. Technical sergeants will allegedly be trained in two-year courses which were to be conducted in Pirna rather than Doberlug-Kirchhain. The training was to be held according to the pattern of the former German Army school at Lichterfelde. 1

6. [redacted] shipments of scrap iron of obsolete gun parts were regularly dispatched by the former Industrie-Lager No 21 Honnersdorf, to industrial enterprises. [redacted] between 8 October and 12 November 1953, 190 tons of scrap iron were shipped to the Edelstahlwerk Dohlen at Freital-Pottschappel and, on 22 October 1953, 21 tons of scrap iron to the Brandenburg Stahlwerk in Brandenburg.

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1. Comment. The KVP installations are located in the Doberlug-Kirchhain area. The castle and adjacent buildings house the komendatura and administration of the central ordnance workshop and central equipment depot. The central ordnance workshop is located along the Doberlug-Schoenborn road, 500 meters southeast of Doberlug.

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 KVP armorer-artificers are being trained there. The central equipment depot is located in the former Industrie Lager No 11, south of Hennersdorf railroad stop, 5 km northeast of Doberlug. The enlargement of this installation, as mentioned in paragraph 3, is possible. The information confirms previous reports, according to which the construction in 1954 of KVP supply installations is given preference.

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2. Comment. The two steel plants mentioned are important plants of the steel industry.

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